

REMARKS

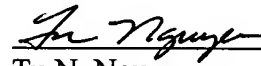
Applicants have deleted originally-filed Figs. 1 and 2A-2E and amended the specification to conform with the deletions. Applicants have also amended the numbering of the remaining figures and the specification to conform to each other. Note that only three reference numerals (24, 28 and 30) have been added to Figs. 3A-3C to be consistent with the specification; otherwise, no other reference numerals have been amended.

Applicants submit that no new matter has been added, and that the deleted figures are not necessary for the understanding of the subject matter sought to be patent, under 35 U.S.C. § 113.

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